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Acton Wireless Communications Facilities Bylaw Committee

Minutes for September 19, 2007

Acton Town Hall, Room 121

Committee members present: Peter Berry (Chairman), Bill Flood, Joe Higgins, Bob Johnson, Sidney Johnston, Alan Mertz and Bruce Reichlen. Also present Town Planner Roland Bartl and observers Dave Wilson and Joe Conoby

Peter Berry called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM

The minutes of the August 22, 2007 were discussed and approved with minor changes.

Motion: Minutes are limited to motions, decisions, open issues and action items and subject of discussions and are not used to capture discussions. Motion moved, seconded, discussed and approved.

Motion: The WBFC agrees that it appears that current dimensional setbacks of the bylaw protect residential areas in town, however the question of the protection of residential areas may be addressed at a future time when the bylaws are rewritten. Motion moved, seconded, amended and the amendment seconded, discussed and approved with one opposition. Motion then approved unanimously.

Motion: The WBFC agrees that it will not make recommendations of where cell towers should be located. Motion moved, seconded, discussed and approved unanimously.

Motion: The WBFC agrees that looking at the maps, it is the WBFC's opinion that with the current dimensional setbacks the bylaw as currently written does not constitute an effective prohibition. Motion moved, seconded, discussed and approved unanimously.

Motion: That the WBFC attempt to write the bylaw in a way that is logically organized and is understandable to a lay person. Motion moved, seconded, discussed and approved unanimously.

Action Item: Joe to revise his monitoring proposal and send to Roland for incorporation into draft bylaw.

The WBFC reviewed the following:

1. Health and Safety recommendations
2. Inventory of Current and Proposed Tower language
3. Relief from General Requirements to resolve issues.
4. Technical Regulations

Action Items: All to send Roland further information for his incorporation before next meeting. Roland will continue to crisp up the bylaw.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 pm

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Next meeting is October 3, 17th and November 7 and 28th.

Respectfully submitted.